

California Libertarian News

The Newsletter of the Libertarian Party of California

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LIBERTY WEEKEND

Thomas Jefferson hoped July 4th would forever be celebrated with gun salutes and fireworks, and while Tom had no illusions about government or the ability of people to hang onto their hard-won freedom, we wonder if even he could have predicted a time when Americans would not only be told to register their firearms, but be denied the right to set off fireworks in their own backyards.

City after city, county after county have anti-fireworks ordinances, and this year L.A. is going so far as to detail a special police patrol to watch out for those backyard anarchists who dare celebrate Independence Day in an unauthorized way. Presumably if a little girl gets caught with a sparkler, her mommy and daddy will face charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. We've come a long way since 1776—in the wrong direction.

Still, libertarians have a special fondness for this particular holiday, and many will be celebrating not only with their friends and families, but through participation in various events in order to promote the libertarian message. Here's a rundown of activities.

SAN DIEGO: It'll be a big week-end for San Diego libertarians. Norma Jean Almodovar will hold a press conference on July 3, decrying recent anti-prostitute sweeps by the San Diego police. On the 4th she'll be at Black's Beach, urging folks to register Libertarian (see Candidates' Calendar).

Later that day she'll be at a cocktail party/fundraiser at the home of Matt and Nancy Greco, 3596 Sidney, San Diego. A \$5.00 donation is requested and reservations would be appreciated. (619) 276-7166 to RSVP.

San Diego County Fair: This began June 19 and will run through July 6. The LPC is sponsoring a literature booth, and according to San Diego chair Pat Wright, everyone running for office is going to be there at some point during the two weeks.

PACIFIC PALISADES (L.A. County): Region 61 and 62 are planning on a joint participation in the annual parade. A replica of the Statue of Liberty will be transported through the streets on a flatbed truck, and there's plenty of room for candidates and other libertarians to ride along with her. Call chair Neal Donner, (213) 477-6462, to sign on.

VENTURA: At the Ventura Street Fair, libertarians will be busy talking and handing out literature at their booth, while State Senate candidate Jay Wood—wearing a tri-cornered hat and a *Reason* T-shirt—circulates through the crowd asking people to put their names on a copy of the Declaration of Independence. It'll be interesting to see how many take him up on it—the Declaration's pretty radical.

SANTA CLARA: Al and Marlene Date are hosting an Independence Day Celebration and Bluegrass Music Fest. All Libertarian candidates are invited to "soapbox" between sets. There'll be keg beer, volleyball, games for the kids, and fireworks courtesy of Great America. Food and a \$2.00 donation gets you in (\$8.00 if no food). It's at 442 Brasswood Court. (408) 998-2520. Friday, July 4, noon to 9:00 p.m.

Wanted: Outreach Ideas

The LPC Executive Committee would like to know about efforts you have made in seeking the opportunity to speak to high school and college classes about libertarianism. It wants to learn about approaches to school officials and teachers that have successfully led to libertarians speaking to students in the classrooms.

For example: Many social studies teachers give grade-point credit to students who actively participate in political campaigns. Candidates or their representatives go to the schools, talk with students about libertarianism, and ask if any are interested and want to help. Students are great at walking precincts, leafletting, phoning to get out the vote—that sort of thing. Candidates who need this kind of help should definitely contact local schools (both public and private) and ask if they have programs of this sort in their social studies or government classes.

If you have information, experiences and ideas you could share along these lines, please write or call Bud Bates, 425 So. Kenmore Ave., #113, Los Angeles, CA 90020. (213) 389-2920.

Candidates and Campaign News



Photo by John Robertson

Norma Jean (left) and Carol Newman (right) in the '57 Chevy.

Gay Pride Weekend

Los Angeles Libertarians joined the festivities at the annual Gay Pride Fair. Besides a literature booth, we had two cars for our candidates in the parade—one, a bright red '57 Chevy for Norma Jean and Carol Newman. The literature booth was active, particularly on Saturday, and Norma Jean reports handing out at least a thousand of her brochures.

Candidates' Calendars

Norma Jean Almodovar

July 3: Press Conference, 11:00 a.m.
Corner of El Cajon Blvd. and Cassidy, San Diego

July 4: Voter Registration
Black's Beach

July 4: Cocktail Party
3596 Sidney, San Diego.
3:30-7:00 p.m.

(See story page 1)

July 20: Libertarian Ladies' Club
3814 So. Bristol, Santa Ana
Call Dagny, (714) 531-1807 for information

Carol Newman

July 4: Parade at Pacific Palisades
(see story page 1)

Breck McKinley

July 17: Region 62 Supper Club
Uncle John's Restaurant, 3201 Wilshire, Santa Monica
Topic: Public Schools—America's Gulag? An Insider's View

Senate Race: Debate Chances Good

The odds are getting better that Breck McKinley will be debating Cranston and Zschau in the October debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Cranston has always favored the idea of allowing minor party candidates into the ring and before the TV cameras., and this year he is particularly insistent. Ed Clark will be handling the negotiations on behalf of Breck.

"It's looking real good," says LPC chair Mark Hinkle, "I'm very encouraged about the prospect."

June 3: 55th Assembly District

The June 3 race in the 55th Assem. Dist. was particularly important as there was not only a primary, but a general election for the empty seat still not filled on April 3. The term would expire on Dec. 31.

Naturally, LP candidate Sarah Foster won the Libertarian primary, but only 74 libertarians actually went to the polls to vote (about 20% of those registered). But in the general election it was a different story. Sarah got 1,741 votes (6.8%) of the total votes cast. The lone Republican won his primary with 6,604 votes—but received only 6,469 in the general election, and it's almost certain those 135 votes didn't go to the Peace and Freedom or Democratic candidates.

It'll be very interesting to see just what precincts those 1,741 votes came from. The 55th Assembly District is heavily Democratic.

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Dick Boddie will show you how!

At Don Kott Ford

21212 Avalon Blvd., Carson

Monday, July 7th, at 8:00 PM

Meet the Candidates

The LPC subscribes to a clipping service which apparently has a crew of sharp-eyed scissor-wielders who are on the lookout for the word *libertarian*. Everytime the magic word appears in a newspaper the entire article is clipped and sent to the Wilshire Ave. address, and from there it eventually ends up in *CLNews* files.

The question is, how best to use these. Most of the articles contain just a passing reference to the fact that a libertarian is running in a race, but quite a number are good articles with quotes of what LP candidates are saying and frequently give interesting information about their background and interests.

It seems that a good use of the clipping service would be to reprint some of these articles—that is, the parts about our candidates, particularly those in local races that might not be familiar to you. So, between now and election, *CLNews* will run several such accounts a month—as many as there's space for. These will be taken verbatim from the original articles, but may be shortened due to space limitations.

Phyllis Avery 43rd Congressional District (Oceanside)

The 43rd Congressional District is solidly Republican. Avery views her chances as nil, but she uses her candidacy as a means of promoting the tenets of her party. "I don't have to get elected to make change," she said. "All I have to do is keep expounding on Libertarian philosophy." Libertarians, she explained, contend that government should abdicate its self-assumed role of deciding what people can or can not do. "The government is only encharged with protecting the public from attack. This government does not resemble anything our founding fathers envisioned."

If elected, Avery said she would work to curtail all federal taxes and the Internal Revenue Service, create free enterprise zones in impoverished areas, and abolish gun control and drug restriction laws.

"I will nibble and nibble away at the state to get it back where it belongs," said Avery, whose husband, Don Ellis, is the Libertarian candidate for the 74th Assembly seat."

Abstracted from the *San Diego Union*, May 10, 1986. Photo by James Skovmand of the *Union*.

Harry Pendery 2nd Congressional District (Napa County to the Oregon border)

Harry Pendery's been hitting the hustings pretty hard for a candidate who harbors no illusions about getting elected. "We've been going to every place we've been invited," the affable Paradise physician said recently.

His dusty pickup has seen a lot of places when you consider the size of the 2nd Congressional District. Pendery perceives his role as more educational than political. "I haven't bought tickets for Washington yet," he quipped. "I don't need a government job. I'm a candidate because I believe the Democrats and Republicans aren't working for the best interests of the American public, but rather for themselves."

Pendery is calling for an end to income taxes, dramatic slashes in military spending and a privatization of most government-run services.

From the *Record-Searchlight*, Redding, May 31, 1986.



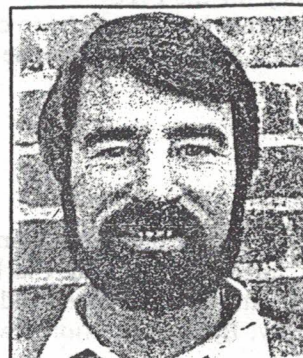
Phyllis Avery



Dennis Thompson



Harry Pendery



Robert Page

Dennis Thompson 44th Congressional (San Diego)

Thompson, the Chicago-born Libertarian candidate, is president of Epicom Inc., a local computer time-sharing service, and is involved in a number of other business enterprises throughout California. He said his non-traditional political philosophy has made him "a pragmatist with ideals."

He subscribes to the usual Libertarian calls to rid society of as much taxes and government as possible. "Everybody is trying to impose their concept of what freedom is upon you, then taxing the individual to coerce you into accepting the idea."

Robert Page 7th Assembly District (Placer, Amador, El Dorado Counties)

He moves with energy, bubbles with original ideas and is a determined individualist. Libertarian candidate Robert Page of Colfax said he wanted to list himself on the ballot sheet as a "free market analyst", but election authorities insisted the market wasn't "free" and he must enter the more plebian description of "commodities broker."

A resident of Placer County since 1980, Page was born in Long Beach, spent four years in the Navy and took a degree in history and philosophy at UC Santa Cruz before becoming a broker.

Page put himself through college by working as a waiter. He picked up a knowledge and love of cooking. He and his wife Diane run a catering business called *Chez Vous*.

His written platform statement says: "I oppose governmental interference into your life and the cost of this for which you are charged. I am the nominee of the Libertarian Party. Most simply put, our party platform is that you do what you say you will do and that you leave other people and their property alone."

From the *Auburn Journal*, May 26, 1986.

Money Matters

CLNews has learned that there are folks out there who would like to donate money to the LPC but don't know who to send the money to. Now there are two things a political party cannot have too much of: good ideas and money. There's simply no such thing as too much money. But while libertarian organizations tend to have an abundance of ideas and answers, money is all too often in short supply. The LPC is no exception.

So if you feel inclined to make contributions, don't be shy. Just send your donations to treasurer Jerry Douglas, 3610 West Sixth St., Suite 531, Los Angeles, 90020. Make checks payable to the LPC for operating expenses, or you could earmark the money for the PAC.

Another idea would be to check the list of candidates in the May CLNews, and telephone to see who is carrying on an ac-

tive campaign, then make donations directly to the candidate of your choice.

PAC Established

At the Convention banquet, Dick Boddie raised about \$2,000 for our statewide candidates. A five-member Political Action Committee has been set up to decide where the money's to go. Those who have agreed to be on the PAC are Jerry Douglas, David Bergland, Bill Evers, and Jack Dean.

According to Mark Hinkle, requests for the money should come from the candidates, but for specific items only—like travel, printing of brochures, etc. None is to go directly into a candidate's campaign fund.

The Sounding Board

Delegates at the recent Convention passed a bylaw, written and introduced by Ed Clark, former LP presidential and gubernatorial candidate, and Bruce Daniel, chair of Placer County. Bylaw 9, Section 3 was modified to read:

It shall be the primary duty of the Executive Committee to develop, fund and implement (either directly or through such committees as they shall appoint) a political strategy to elect Libertarians pledged to the Party Statement of Principles, and to proclaim and implement those principles into public policy.

In response to this mandate to shift the direction of the Party to what Bruce describes as "a politically aggressive stance," the Ex-Com., at its May meeting, set up a Strategy Committee. But the question has arisen as to whether the resolution of implementation drafted by this Strategy Committee goes far enough in fulfilling the dictates of the new bylaw. Congressional candidate Waheed Bocter feels that it does not and he sets forth his objections in a tersely worded letter.

This is a most serious issue involving the future effectiveness of the Party. It deserves open debate and discussion. Therefore, CLNews is publishing not only the bylaw (above) and Waheed's letter, but the resolution of implementation so you can compare and decide. Let's hear from you, but please keep comments succinct and to the point.

asking high school social studies teachers and college social science teachers to invite LP speakers to address their classes.

e. The LPC shall target the issue of immigration in the coming year for the purpose of entering into coalition with appropriate groups involved with that issue.

f. The LPC shall develop a program for LP groups to supply high school, college and public libraries with libertarian books and materials.

g. The LPC shall prepare a media relations development program to educate and assist LP groups.

Approved by the Executive Committee, May 4, 1986.

To the Editor:

At the LPC Convention last February, the delegates changed the primary purpose of the Executive Committee from education to electoral politics. Nonetheless, the Executive Committee is violating this bylaw, in effect vetoing the delegates, to the detriment of the libertarian cause.

We can be effective in achieving libertarian reforms through the electoral process in two ways: (1) By electing Libertarians, or (2) by getting enough votes to make it in the interest of Big-Two politicians to implement libertarian reforms in order to take the wind out of our sails.

But the Party leadership is not doing this. It created a Strategy Committee, which then created a seven-point program of educational outreach and party building, and nothing that will help our candidates get votes. The Strategy Committee program includes things such as putting libertarian books in libraries, sending libertarian speakers to high-school classes, and focusing attention on one region in the North and one in the South that need help.

This Committee could do some good and should be supported, but the Executive Committee should begin taking the steps it knows are needed to develop and implement a political strategy to elect Libertarians to help us achieve liberty in our time.

Waheed Bocter, Delegate
1986 LPC Convention

Waheed has been an activist in the LPC for many years. He was the LP candidate for the 55th Assembly District in 1980, and is currently running in the 29th Congressional race.

Strategy Committee Resolution

1. Resolved that the Executive Committee hereby establishes a Strategy Committee to develop a strategy for the LPC, to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and thereafter implemented by the Strategy Committee.

2. Objectives to be approved by the Executive Committee and referred back to the Strategy Committee:

a. The LPC shall formulate appropriate criteria for candidate identification and recruitment at the state and local level.

b. The LPC shall develop models to guide state and local LP activists in publicizing libertarian views on a timely and regular basis.

c. The LPC shall target at least one county or region in the North and at least one county or region in the South each year for assistance in developing more effective organization.

d. The LPC shall assemble information on experience in

IRS: It's Really Sick

by Jim Olson

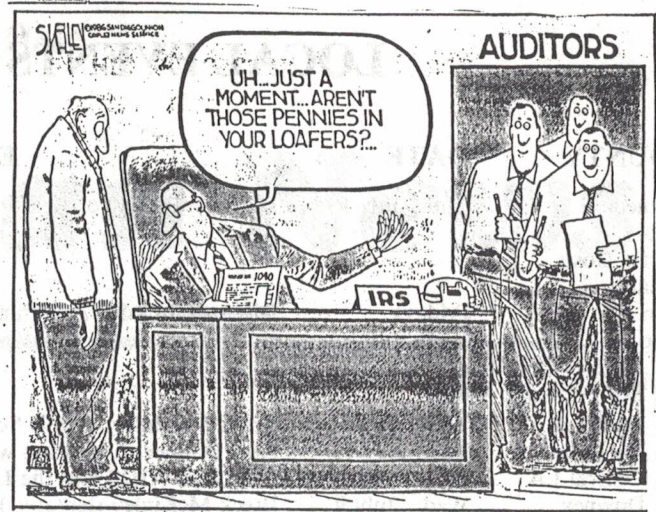
Well, Packwood and Dole, the authors of the new "tax reform" bill (H.R. 3838) are really putting one over on the public. They are concerned that there is too much non-compliance to our *voluntary* tax system and too little comprehension on the part of Joe Public in understanding the penalties for not complying, and they want to "simplify matters greatly." Under US Code, Title V, Compliance and Tax Administration, Section A (Penalties), in order to simplify matters they doubled the maximum fine to \$100,000 for "failure to file certain information returns or statements." Pretty simple, eh?!!! Other fines were also added involving noncompliance.

Now the real reason for this is revealed in Section G (Tax Administration Trust Fund). How they pity the poor tax-collector. The Finance Committee is concerned that the IRS has not been funded in recent years at a high enough level to assure adequate administration of the tax laws. It believes that a new approach is needed, so the Committee devised a Tax Administration Trust Fund, financed from *all* interest and penalties collected under the IRS code. Moreover, the Committee feels it is vital to provide the IRS with a substantial increase in funding beyond what has been available to it in recent years."

So there you have it. The more the IRS can steal from hard-working Americans, the more money it will have to fund its stealing, all under the guise of having everyone pay his or her share of taxes.

Jim Olson is a member of the National Coalition of IRS Whistle Blowers.

Wait, there's more! Since Jim wrote this article, some thirty amendments have been added by the Senate in a matter of days. One of these, introduced by Sen. Evans (R-Washington) and approved by voice vote, would require a tax-identification number for each minor child claimed as a dependent. The only questions remaining are—will this number be tattooed on babies at birth, and if so, where? And Reagan called the Senate passage of H.R. 3838 a great victory for Americans! It's enough to make you sick.



We Win Two

by Richard Winger

June 18 was a very good day for the Libertarian Party:

1. The joint Democratic-Libertarian Party lawsuit won in the US Court of Appeals. We had previously won this case in the US District Court in San Francisco in 1984, and the Court of Appeals agreed with the US District Court that it is unconstitutional for the state to tell a political party how to structure itself; and it is unconstitutional for the state to make it illegal for a party to endorse candidates in its own primary.

Mrs. Eu, never happy with a ruling that upholds the First Amendment, says she will ask the US Supreme Court to reverse this victory.

2. The Assembly Elections Committee deleted an obnoxious provision from SB 2480, which changed the filing deadline for independent candidates from mid-August to mid-July. This change wouldn't have hurt the LP in California, but would have hurt in places like Texas and Florida. 43 states now have third party and independent candidate deadlines (at least for president) in August and September of the election year. Florida and Texas are among the hold-outs with July deadlines. If we can get virtually every state except Florida and Texas to move their deadlines to August, it will make it easier to win court victories there as well.

Richard Winger is the LPC candidate for Secretary of State.



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LOCAL EVENTS AND CONTACTS

COUNTY	DATE	EVENTS	CHAIR or CONTACT*	PHONE
Alameda	Thu., July 10	Debate: 'Purity' or Real Politics—What Works Best?	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
Kern	Fridays	Discussion Group and Party Every Friday Evening	Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Los Angeles Co. (Regions 61-67)				
-61, San Fernando Valley			Roland Shirley*	818/882-9209
-62, West LA	Thu., July 17	Breck McKinley: Public Schools—America's Gulag?	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
-63, Foothills	Tue., July 15	Neal Donner: Education w/o Violence—a Libertarian View	Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
-64, Central LA	Thu., July 10	Bill Lake: AIDS and the LaRouche Initiative	Ted Brown	213/257-8922
-65, Downey	Wed., July 9	Breck McKinley (tentative)	Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
-66, South Bay	Thur., July 17	Speaker and Topic to be Announced	Cullene Lang	213/595-6266
-67, East San Gabriel Valley			Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
Marin	Wed., July 2	Jeff Hummel: Origin of WW II in Europe	Dan Dougherty	415/457-1411
Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange	Tue., July 8	David Bergland: Libertarian Temperament	Steve Krueger	714/969-3706
Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside		No Meetings during July and August	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
San Bernardino		No Meetings during July and August	Brian Bishko	714/684-5218
San Diego	Tue., July 8	Mark Hinkle: The Long Term Approach to Liberty	Dick Rider*	619/276-7166
San Diego (No. Co.)	Tue., July 15	Joe Fuhrig: Banking Crisis and National Debt	Cary Smith*	619/741-8044
San Francisco			Mike Mayakis	415/621-2386
San Luis Obispo			Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara	Fri., July 18	Wine and Cheese Video Party: <i>Harry's War</i>	Dave Villadsen*	805/685-1686
Santa Clara			Dale Burrow	408/279-3733
Santa Cruz			Bill Anderson*	408/476-9753
Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare	Sats. 12, 26	Discussion: Walter Block's <i>Defending the Undefendable</i>	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	Fri., July 4	July 4th Street Fair: Literature Booth	George Hasara	805/525-6321

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